

NRO satellite systems. Today, the NRO continues to build on his revolutionizing successes.

Mr. Wong's career in national reconnaissance began in 1955 and continues to the present day. Although he is being honored with this award because of his outstanding work and contributions to the effectiveness of NRO satellite systems, Mr. Wong has been a major contributor to a number of technological advancements. Among his achievements, Mr. Wong was the key designer of support equipment for ground-test deployment of satellite solar panels whose application overcame a structural on-orbit deployment anomaly. He also introduced the use of a synthetic lubricant to stabilize and extend the life of control movement gyroscopes used on NRO satellites. He currently works as a consultant for TriSept Corporation and Boeing Space Systems.

Mr. Wong is a true pioneer who continues to revolutionize technology. Again, I commend him for all that he has done and wish him the very best in future endeavors. •

NEW MEXICO MAINSTREET ACCREDITATIONS

• Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, today I recognize several cities in New Mexico that have recently received national accreditation for completing the Main Street Four-Point Approach. The National Trust Main Street Center recently named nine cities' Main Street projects as being nationally accredited. Those nine communities include Artesia, Clayton, Clovis, Hobbs, Las Cruces, Las Vegas, Los Alamos, Raton, and Silver City.

The work that has been done in these communities to preserve the history of downtown, as well as bring it into the 21st century, is to be honored. Main streets are a big part of every community's history. They provide a look into the past, and with these revitalizations, a positive look into the future. Downtown used to be the hub of a city. With the invention of the automobile, cities have spread out and often no longer have just one central area of activity. With these new improvements to local main streets, towns are beginning to experience businesses returning to these areas. These towns have been able to marry the past with the present. They are honoring old businesses that have been in downtown areas for years, while encouraging new businesses to open their doors in this district. The success of their efforts is evident by this award.

I congratulate these cities on the good work they are doing to bring the main street appeal back into their communities. •

30TH ANNUAL ENCHANTED CIRCLE CENTURY TOUR

• Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, today I recognize the Red River Chamber of

Commerce and the Red River Bike Club for putting on another Enchanted Circle Century Tour. This year marks the 30th anniversary of this legendary bicycle tour around northeast New Mexico.

This 100 mile tour begins in Red River, and then passes through Questa, Taos, Angel Fire, Eagle Nest and Black Lake before finishing back in Red River. What better way to see the breathtaking Sangre de Cristo Mountains than on a bicycle? This tour has given many residents and visitors of New Mexico the opportunity to experience our State in a new way. It is not for the faint of heart though. It takes incredible strength to overcome the elevation, elements, and endurance challenge this tour presents. The September 8 start will be a major milestone for this community, and it is my hope that this tradition continues for at least another 30 years. •

HONORING MARY MCALENEY

• Ms. SNOWE. Mr. President, today I commend a Mainer who has gone above and beyond the call of duty in public service to our State and the Nation. On June 30 of this year, Mary McAleney retired from her position as district director of the U.S. Small Business Administration's Maine district Office after serving in that capacity for 9 dedicated years. Her retirement from this post is a loss to all of Maine's 151,000 small businesses. Mary has always worked with the best interests of Maine's small businesses in mind, and her efforts on behalf of our State's small firms has been widely praised. In March of this year, the Maine Small Business Development Centers named Mary their Small Business Champion for her tireless efforts to serve Mainers. Her commitment to, and enthusiasm for, small enterprises has impressed all who have had the privilege of working with her.

I will never forget when, in the spring of 2006 following devastating flooding in York County, Mary helped to organize a tour for me of the damage. On very short notice, she made arrangements to visit numerous businesses affected by the flooding, rallying business leaders to stay optimistic and begin the recovery process. Over the years, Mary proved time and again that she could be relied upon in times of crisis to assist small businesses in need, and as a Mainer herself, she knew exactly how to be helpful, knew the right person to call, and found a way to get results.

Mary's public service began with her work as a staffer in the Maine Legislature. Leaving Augusta, Mary came to Washington to work for former Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell, where she served as chief of staff. Prior to her appointment to the Maine SBA, Mary served as district director for the Massachusetts SBA from 1995 to 1998. Without any doubt, it is clear from the first time Mary meets anyone that

Mary McAleney's passion is Maine! She grew up in eastern Maine, in the town of Vanceboro, where she undoubtedly learned the value of sustaining a rural economy, and realized the challenges many Mainers from rural areas of the State face in order to support a family. Throughout the years, Mary has demonstrated this zeal by her remarkable ability to work with people from all sides of the spectrum, because she is among them in spirit and determination.

The State of Maine owes a debt of gratitude to Mary McAleney for the outstanding work she has done fighting for Maine's small businesses. While she will be sorely missed at the SBA, I know Mary will continue her distinguished service to Maine in innovative and beneficial ways. I wish my good friend continued success and offer my sincere appreciation for her devotion to Maine's small business community.

Thank you, Mr. President, for affording me the opportunity to speak about this truly exceptional Mainer and American. •

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Evans, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations and a withdrawal which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 2:04 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 954. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 365 West 125th Street in New York, New York, as the "Percy Sutton Post Office Building".

H.R. 3052. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 954 Wheeling Avenue in Cambridge, Ohio, as the "John Herschel Glenn, Jr. Post Office Building".

H.R. 3062. An act to authorize appropriations to provide for South Pacific exchanges, provide technical and other assistance to countries in the Pacific region through the United States Agency for International Development, and authorize appropriations to provide Fulbright Scholarships for Pacific island students.

H.R. 3106. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 805 Main Street in Ferdinand, Indiana, as the "Staff Sergeant David L. Nord Post Office".

H.R. 3218. An act to designate a portion of Interstate Route 395 located in Baltimore, Maryland, as "Cal Ripken Way".